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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Toshio HIRANO, et al.

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EXAMINER: P. Mertz

A MEMBRANE PROTEIN POLYPEPTIDE HAVING PRE-B CELL GROWTH-SUPPORTING
ABILITY AND A GENE THEREOF

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on December 1, 2003
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.